

Passport to English

BOOK 1

A Foundation Course
in Speaking Conversational English



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INTRODUCTION

All praise belongs to Allah, and may Allah's peace and blessings be upon His last messenger, Prophet Muhammad, his pure family, noble companions, and all those who follow them in righteousness until the Day of Judgment.

The present English course is intended for those individuals who would like to learn basic conversational English, and its primary goal is to help such learners develop the ability to communicate in English according to the situation, purpose and roles of the participants. The learner is presented throughout the course with natural and useful language, and is taught how to use English for everyday life situations and purposes related to many aspects of life including work, social life and leisure.

Each unit begins with the vocabulary words and expressions intended to be used in the unit out of context; some other units begin with the grammatical points to be covered in them. Grammar points are carefully graded in the course. There is no explanation of grammatical points, as this places a great burden on the learner's shoulders and tends to put him off learning the language altogether. Therefore, grammatical points have been presented communicatively through the use of a variety of short conversations that will help give the learner an idea of how they can be accurately used.

The course consists of five books. The first four books comprise twenty units each, each of which has two review units to consolidate language learnt in the previous units. The fifth book is a collection of true short stories and a few hilarious jokes in straightforward English to entertain the learner and familiarize him with written English.

It is strongly recommended to use these books in conjunction with the **Language Master™** device for maximum benefit. This device, which combines learning and fun, has a number of features that will certainly help the learner derive great benefit from the course. By using this device, the learner will be able to listen to any text in these books, repeat after the recorded text, record his own voice, compare his own voice with the original voice, and choose the speed level he desires for maximum understanding and learning. All these activities can be simply carried out at the touch of a button!

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Unit 2

What's your name?

A. Listen and Practice

A: What's your first name?

B: I'm Ahmad.

A: Is that A-H-M-A-D?

B: Yes, that's right.



B. Listen and Practice

A: What's your last name?

B: Ali.

A: How do you spell it?

B: It's A-L-I.



I'm = I am

It's = It is

What's your nationality?

A. Listen and Practice



English



Spanish



Egyptian



German



Italian



Palestinian



American



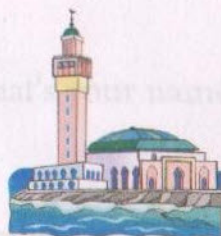
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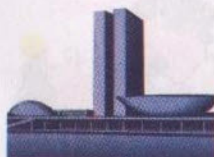
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Brazilian

What color's your car?

B. Listen and Practice

A: Are you English?

B: Yes, I am.



A: Are you Portuguese?

B: Yes, I am.



A: Are you Moroccan?

B: Yes, I am.



C. Listen and Practice

A: Are you Spanish?

B: No, I'm not.

A: What's your nationality?

B: I'm Italian.



What's the matter? What's wrong?

A. Listen and Practice



a backache



a stomachache



a fever



an earache



a cough



a cold



a sore throat



a toothache



a headache

B. Listen and Practice

A: What's the matter, Sami?

B: I have an earache.



A: What's wrong, Mustafa?

B: I have a sore throat.



A: What's the matter, Muhammad?

B: I have a stomachache.



A: What's wrong, Yahya?

B: I have a headache.



A: What's the matter, Ahmad?

B: I have a fever.



C. Listen and Practice

A: What's wrong, Ali?
Do you have a headache?

B: No, I don't.



A: Do you have a sore throat?

B: No, I have a toothache.



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I want some tea, please

A. Listen and Practice

some chocolate



some tea



some bread



some cheese



some sugar



some butter



some coffee



some jam



some water



some juice



B. Listen and Practice

There is some milk in the glass.



There is some butter on the plate.



There is some bread on the table.



There is some tea in the teapot.



There is some water in the bottle.



There is some juice in the glass.



There is some jam in the jar.



There is some coffee in the mug.



You must see a doctor

A. Listen and Practice



a doctor



a dentist



the flu



measles



a toothache



a headache



medicine



a fever

B. Listen and Practice

A: What's the matter, Sufyan?

B: I have an earache.

A: You must see a doctor, then.



A: What's wrong with Dave, Ali?

B: He has a toothache.

A: Then he must see a dentist.



C. Listen and Practice

A: We must call a doctor, Yunus.

B: Why? What's the matter?

A: Jimmy is in bed
He has measles.



A: Assalaamu 'Alaikum, Sami. What's wrong?

B: Wa 'alaikum-us-salaam. I have the flu.

A: Well, then, you must stay in bed.



A: What does your father usually do in the evening?

B: He reads the Qur'an.



A: What do the children usually do in the afternoon?

B: They play in the park.



A: What does your cat usually do at night?

B: It sleeps in the garden.



C. Listen and Practice

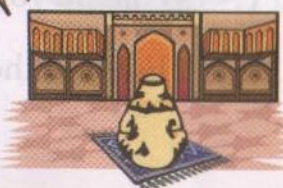
My mother usually washes the dishes in the evening.



Ahmad usually watches television at night.



My father usually prays in the mosque.



Unit 14

Do they usually pray in the mosque?

A. Listen and Practice

usually this morning this evening right now

B. Listen and Practice

A: What does Mr. Salih usually drink in the morning?

B: He usually drinks coffee.



A: What's he drinking this morning?

B: He's drinking tea.



A: What do you usually do in the morning?

B: I usually read a book.



A: What are you doing this evening?

B: I'm reading the newspaper.



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Qaroon lived at the time of Prophet Musaa (alaihissalaam).

Allah made him very rich.

He had many beautiful palaces and farms.

Even strong men found the keys of his treasures too heavy to carry.

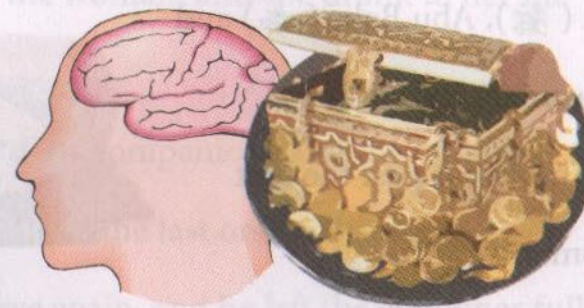


The good people told him, "Don't be so ungrateful to Allah.

Allah has given you this wealth. So seek with it the hereafter, and don't forget your portion of lawful enjoyment in this life. Do good to people as Allah has been good to you, and don't seek corruption in the land."

Qaroon was very arrogant. He did not listen to this advice.

He said, "I have this wealth because of my knowledge and intelligence."



Those who love the life of the world were impressed by his wealth.

But those who had religious knowledge said,

"The reward of Allah is better for those

who believe and do good deeds."

Allah punished him severely.

He caused the earth to swallow

him and everything he had.

No one came to his help.

That is the bad end of people like him.



Ali ibn Abee Taalib and the Jew

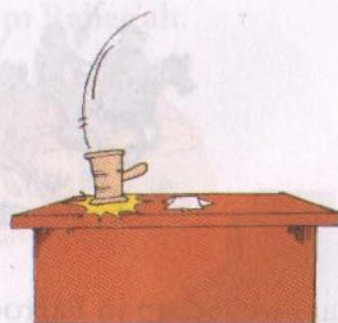
Ali ibn Abee Taalib (ﷺ) once lost his armor. A Jew found it and took it.

When Ali ibn Abee Taalib (ﷺ) saw his armor with the Jew, he told him, "That's my armor."

The Jew said, "It's mine."



Ali ibn Abee Taalib (ﷺ) said to him, "Let's go to the judge."



Shuraih ibn Al-Haarith was a just judge.

He asked Ali ibn Abee Taalib (ﷺ) about the armor, and Ali replied, "It's mine. I did not sell it or give it as a gift."

Shuraih also asked the Jew about it, and he replied, "It's my armor, and it is in my possession."

Shuraih then asked Ali, "Do you have a witness?"

Ali replied, "Qunbur and my son Al-Hasan testify that the armor is mine."



Shuraih said, "The son's testimony is not valid for the father."

The Jew was really amazed and said to himself, "The Leader of the Believers took me to his judge, and his judge judged against him. This is indeed true justice."



"The Jew then embraced Islam and said to Ali,

"The armor is certainly yours!"

Husband: Take this letter to our neighbor Abdullah, please Ahmad.

Do you know where he lives?

Ahmad : Yes, Dad.

Husband: Please take it to him now.

Wife : Please stay, Ahmad. Don't go.

Husband: Why can't he go?

Wife : It's very hot outside. You take it
to him later on today when you go out.



Husband: What if I don't go out?

Wife : Take it to him tomorrow then.

Husband: But it's urgent. There could be something very important
in it. Take it to him now, please, Ahmad.

Wife : Sit down Ahmad. Don't go.

Husband: Are you encouraging him to disobey me?

Wife : You asked first him not to listen to me.



Husband: You asked him first to sit down and not to listen to me.

Wife : I did this because I care about him.

Husband: Does that mean I don't care about him?

Ahmad : Please Mom and Dad, don't fight because of me. I don't
like you to fight.